



Long Wittenham C of E (C) Primary School

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 10th May

Dear families,

I hope you all had a very relaxing bank holiday weekend and this week has felt very short indeed.

I am writing this from my Masters course after a morning dedicated to the psychology of learning - food for thought as we focus wholeheartedly at doing what is the very best for all of our children. Although I love the opportunity to learn more myself about what I can do to improve the quality of education at LWPS, I miss the children dreadfully and can't wait to share what I have learnt with the staff.

Our year 6 pupils have been working so very hard in preparation for next week's SATs and we are so very proud of all that they have achieved. Parents, please rest assured that we will take the very best care of them all next week.

In year 2, our children are also working very hard to complete their SATs too which are administered in an entirely different way. Already we are seeing huge progress and we are so very proud of their achievements.

Tomorrow is our May Fayre in school and I am so sorry not to be able to be there as my course doesn't finish until Saturday evening. I know that the PTA has organised some amazing things and I can't wait to hear all about it! I know that they have all worked so very hard and appreciate the volunteers who have stepped up and offered help in running stalls etc. As always, this is hugely appreciated from the staff too.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Warmest wishes from a windowless conference room!

Alison Bellingham

Owls Class

Owls have listened to the story - Grandad's Island. We had a discussion around how we might travel to an island and the children drew and wrote about parts of the story they had heard. They also designed their own island, deciding what animals might live on their island.

In maths we have explored money. We were impressed by how much they remembered from the previous term - recalling the names of each coin. We focussed on adding coins together to make totals.

As part of our topic, the children enjoyed conducting a traffic survey. We counted how many cars for each colour on our tally sheet. Ask your child which colour car they saw the most of.

Parrots Class

We have all been resilient this week going over the learning we have done in Parrots class so far this year. Our year 1's spent some time with Owls class one day this week to support with the transition. They were excellent role models to the younger children.

Our broad beans are growing nicely indoors and our outside area is really coming together. In topic this week we have been creating stories based on Jack and the Beanstalk.

Eagles Class

We have had a rather unusual week, with Mrs Bellingham stepping in to teach as Mrs O'Brien has been unwell. The children have been working hard on writing paragraphs and including lots of extra information to make it more interesting. In maths, we have continued our topic of time, having lots of fun timing ourselves completing different tasks. We are enjoying researching on the internet again, this time about a sea animal of our choice. It has been interesting looking at maps and finding out about leisure activities alongside water.

For maths homework this week, could you please help your child continue to learn the times tables, it is important that they develop quick recall of all the tables and their associated division facts.

Penguins Class

This week Penguins have been learning about what life was like for children who were evacuated during World War 2. We visited Didcot Railway Centre and took a steam train to meet our new families. We also learned about what life was like in London during 'The Blitz' and how people managed on rations. I'm looking forward to seeing their recounts of their experience, as they write in role as an evacuee.

Year 5 have continued to work on reading timetables this week in maths while year 6 have been completing their last bits of SATS revision before next week. There is a separate letter going out to year 6's about the arrangements for next week and the timings of the tests, but as always your support is always very much appreciated.

Other information

The choir have the opportunity to sing at the school May Fayre on Saturday. We will be performing at about 1.45/2.00pm. Please could all choir members meet Mrs Westen at the bottom of the ramp at 1.40pm.

What's Up Next?

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| Mon 13 th May | Forest School for Owls, Year 4 and 5
Cycling Proficiency Training Year 5
Year 6 SATS week
Gymnastics After School |
| Tue 14 th May | Swimming Eagles
Multi-Sports After School |
| Wed 15 th May | Forest School Year 1
Football After School |
| Fri 17 th May | JNBS – come and save with us!
PTA Film Night |

Future Events

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| Fri 24 th May | PTA Mum's Sponsored Walk |
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Local Events

Fun Holiday Music Workshops –

Tuesday 28th May

"Junk!" for children in Reception to Year 2

Time: 9.30am-12pm

Cost: £14

Come and try out percussion, singing, composing, movement plus craft activities

"Junk!" for children in Year 3 to Year 6

Time: 9.15am-3.15pm

Cost: £26

Come and try out singing, playing instruments, improvising, composing, movement plus craft activities

Both workshops are held at Abingdon Music Centre (in Larkmead School Music Building) and are designed to support the Primary Music Curriculum.

See attached application forms for more details.



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Manager Of Long Wittenham Pre-School

We are a thriving pre-school, and have been at the heart of the local community for over 40 years. Long Wittenham Pre-school prides itself on having a secure, nurturing, and stimulating environment for its children. We are looking for a reliable and passionate Early Years professional to lead our experienced team of qualified practitioners to continue the fantastic running of our Ofsted rated "Good" pre-school.

Hours: Approximately 34 hours per week, term time only. We can be flexible and will look to support the right candidate in how they want to work.

Salary: Competitive salary depending on experience.

Qualifications:

- *Diploma in Pre-School practice Level 3 or equivalent.*
- *A Specialist Safeguarding qualification or willingness to attend the training.*
- *Paediatric First Aid Certificate.*
- *At least 2 years' experience of working in an early year's setting.*
- *DBS certificate.*
- *Knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS).*
- *Experience of leading and managing a team.*

Job Role:

- *To manage a small friendly team of early years professionals.*
- *To be responsible for the day to day running of the pre-school.*
- *To provide a stimulating learning environment for the children in our care.*
- *To act as Key Worker for a group of children.*
- *To take the lead in safeguarding children as designated safeguarding officer.*
- *To be responsible to the Committee of Trustees.*
- *To be the named person in dealings with Ofsted.*



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